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WAGE BOARD FOR WORKING JOURNALISTS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Wage Boards for working journalists and non-journalist newspaper employees ;

(b) if so, the details indicating the constitution and the terms of reference thereof ;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up ;

(d) whether both the said boards would submit their reports to the Union Government for implementation; and

(e) if so, the manner in which it is proposed to be implemented in various States ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a)&(b) : For the purpose of fixing or revising rates of wages in respect of working journalists and non-journalists newspaper employees, the Government has decided to constitute two wage boards, under Sections 9 and 13 (C) respectively of the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955. The Wage Boards would consist of:

(i) Three persons representing employers in relation to Newspaper Establishment;

(ii) Three persons representing working journalists for wage board under Section 9 and three persons representing non-journalists newspaper employees for wage board under Section 13(C) of the Act.

(iii) Four independent persons, one of whom shall be a person who is, or has been a judge of High Court or the Supreme Court, and who shall be appointed by the Government as the Chairman thereof.

The representative of Newspaper establishments and independent members, including the Chairman would be common for both the Wage Boards.

(c) : The setting up of wage boards will be notified after due consideration of nominations received from stake holders.

(d) : Yes, Sir.

(e) : The recommendations, subject to modifications, if any, will be published in the Official Gazette, as per the provisions contained in Section 12 of the Working Journalists and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955, for implementation by the newspaper establishments in various States.